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**MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE****SUBJECT: MIF-55/1: Communist Capabilities and Probable Courses of Action in Korea**

1. By telephone, all agencies except State expressed agreement with the paper. Several minor changes were proposed by one agency or another; these are listed on the attached sheets. In the judgment of the Board none of the changes, with the possible exception of those on Conclusion 9 (page 3) and Paragraph 26 (page 11), affects the substance of the estimate, and the Board recommends that all be accepted.

2. State believes Conclusion 9 underestimates both Communist desire to conclude a cease-fire and the importance of the POW issue for the Communists. The State dissent will be distributed before the meeting of the IAC. G-2, and to a lesser extent the other Defense agencies, are disposed to believe that Conclusion 9 may overstress Communist willingness to stop fighting. They are willing to accept the present wording, but emphatically reject the position taken by State at the meetings of the representatives.

3. It is, I believe, a remarkable achievement for the agencies to reach agreement on all paragraphs of the estimate except one, and since that paragraph rests entirely on judgment it is probably a good thing to have the reader consider two opposed judgments. Such a large measure of agreement was possible only because of the exceptionally dispassionate reasoning of a very able group of agency representatives.

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